

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

Please amend the paragraph beginning on line 3 of page 1 as follows:

This invention is a continuation-in-part of my ~~pending~~ application Serial No. 09/623,621, allowed to issue as now Patent No. 6,619,904 issued on September 16, 2003. This relates to Figures 56-58 of that application patent.

Please add the following new paragraph after line 6 of page 11:

Figure 106 is a plan view of the top right corner of the hoist turned 90°.

Please amend the paragraph beginning on line 7 of page 11 as follows:

Figures 106 107 and 108 are plan, end, end and side views of the support for a corner of the hoist in raised position.

Please amend the paragraph beginning on line 11 of page 40 as follows:

Referring to Figures 104-108, truck T is shown backed under a lift frame 40 for lifting off and holding cargo container 20. Frame 40 has four columns 242 each pivotally supporting a depending pivoted link 44. A loadspreader 34 has a frame supporting the usual twist locks 56T spaced to engage in standard corner castings 60T at the four top corners of the container. The loadspreader has four depending legs 600, one at or near each corner, pivotally connected at the bottom to the links to swing the loadspreader in a parallelogram linkage lengthwise the truck. A weight W extended from one or more links 44 biases the links to swing out toward the front of the truck. A cable 604 with weight W is attached [[to]] between the rear of the loadspreader [[to]] and a winch 298 to hold the loadspreader up when pushed up backward. The truck has a

bed for the container with a front tab 606 extending up to engage the front end of the container. The loadspreader has a rear tab 608 extending down to engage the rear end of the container.

Please amend the paragraph beginning on line 12 of page 41 as follows:

To pick up the container supported on the hoist at the dock, the empty truck is backed up under the container on the hoist. Tab 606 on the front of the truck bed engages the forward end of the container as the truck nears the dock. This lifts the container and loadspreader by swinging the links 44 up and relieves the winch of the load so its dog can be disengaged and the truck moved forward lowering the container onto the truck. The twist locks are then released by existing control air supply 610. Then the truck is driven forward to swing the loadspreader up lifting the twist locks out of the top corner castings. Weights W on links 44 hold the loadspreader up.